

## I-405 Projects Update

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## Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project Contract Signing Event

The Washington State Department of Transportation has selected a contractor to build the first Nickel improvement project on I-405. We signed Kiewit Construction as the design-build contractor for Stage 1 of the Kirkland Nickel project today (Oct. 19).

Governor Christine Gregoire, Secretary of Transportation Doug MacDonald, and Mayor of Kirkland Mary-Alyce Burleigh joined members of the Kirkland community today to witness the contract signing between WSDOT and Kiewit. The event took place at Spinney Homestead Park in Kirkland, adjacent to the section of I-405 where we will begin building improvements in spring 2006.

Governor Gregoire was on hand to support the State's commitment to deliver the project on time and on budget. Members of the Kirkland Advisory Committee who have been participating in the planning process attended the event, along with members of the Kirkland business community.

The [Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project](#) is on budget and one year ahead of schedule. We are scheduled to begin construction this spring.

## You're Invited to the Renton Nickel Improvement Project Open House

The I-405 project team has examined a wide range of community and environmental concerns in the Renton and Tukwila areas as part of our preparations to build the [Renton Nickel Improvement Project](#). On November 1, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. we invite you to join us to review what we found during our environmental studies and talk with project planners and engineers. The event will be held at the Renton High School Commons, 400 S 2nd Street, Renton, WA 98055.

We've also scheduled open houses for two other I-405 projects:

### [Bellevue Nickel Improvement Project](#) Open House

- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Bellevue Central Library

### [Renton to Bellevue Project](#) Open House

- Thursday, Dec. 8, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Renton Housing Authority



## Ramp Milestone Achieved on Totem Lake Freeway Station Project

On September 30, crews reopened the northbound on-ramp from westbound NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street on schedule. The ramp was closed for seven weeks to realign the ramp and build retaining walls. Traffic heading for the ramp can now bypass the traffic signal on NE 124<sup>th</sup> and enter the freeway faster.

This weekend, crews will close the northbound on-ramp from Totem Lake Boulevard to realign that ramp and rebuild the connection between the northbound on-ramps. The ramp will close at 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 and reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24. A signed detour will direct drivers to the on-ramp from westbound NE 124<sup>th</sup>.

Drivers should also expect continuing full closures of NE 132<sup>nd</sup> Street between 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and Totem Lake Blvd. Monday through Saturday nights as crews work to widen the I-405 bridges at that location. These closures are expected to continue through late November.

Drivers are now noticing bridge supports under construction on both sides of I-405 at NE 128<sup>th</sup> Street. This bridge will provide a new east-west route for all drivers in Kirkland, and the new HOV ramps will connect to this bridge. [View construction photos](#) and visit the [Sound Transit](#) and [WSDOT](#) project Web pages for more information.

## Getting Around During Construction

Want to explore ideas to help you navigate the I-405 corridor while we work on long-term transportation solutions? Visit our [I-405 Travel Options](#) Web site.

## Sign Up for Other WSDOT E-mail Updates

We have five other e-mail update lists that you can join to receive information on project design and construction, traffic closures, and much more. Click on the links below for more information.

- [I-5 Seattle and Shoreline Projects](#)
- [SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project](#)
- [Snohomish County Projects](#)
- [Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project](#)
- [South King County Projects](#)

## Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to 530 AM or 1520 AM as you drive on I-405 through the Totem Lake area of Kirkland to hear the latest closure information and project updates. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at [JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov).

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